O Soldiers of the Khilafah, Break Prisons… Break Prisons

Once again, the mujahidin of the Islamic State demonstrate the correct manhaj to solve the problem of prisoners, which no field of jihad does not deal with and, truly, no arena of conflict in the world does not deal with. They have done that by releasing their prisoners by force, and without succumbing to any extortion from their jailers, and without allowing them to be used by the enemy as a weapon or leverage in their war against Muslims.

By Allah's grace, the Khilafah soldiers managed to destroy the Nangarhar prison in the city of Jalalabad, in Khurasan Wilayah, and save hundreds of prisoners from it after destroying the enemies of Allah in a major attack that the mujahidin had prepared for a long time and exerted a lot of material and human resources for it. May Allah reward all those who helped releasing the Muslim prisoners, and may Allah accept the istishhadi brother and the inghimasi brothers who gave their blood to save their brothers from the humiliation of prison and the fitnah of kufr, and all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation.

The Islamic State continues to place the issue of female and male captives in the prisons of kuffar and murtaddin at the top of its list of priorities. Its leaders are still instructing their brothers to prioritize this issue over others, and not to spare anything that they can to release the Muslim prisoners, by force or ransom. The mujahidin in various wilayat of the Islamic State are still waging the major raids for which they are mobilizing armies to attack prisons and rescue the weak Muslims from them, since the first Abu Gharib prison raid led by Sheikh Abu Anas ash-Shami (may Allah accept him) until the recent but not last raid of the Nangarhar prison in Khurasan.

In addition, there are operations carried out by the prisoners of the Islamic State from inside the prisons, alone or with the help of their brothers outside, to release themselves and their captive brothers, or to inflict harm on the kuffar and murtaddin who imprison them and seek to shift them away from their religion. Some of these operations succeeded in rescuing some Muslims. Those prisoners realized that they had to make every effort to save themselves as much as they could.

The mujahidin also have the ability to release the Muslim prisoners in many of their conquests on the sites of the kuffar and murtaddin. Once they take control over a city, they rush to raid prisons and security headquarters to get the prisoners out of them. They do not develop a plan to storm a city, except that saving the prisoners is one of its most important goals. And whatever area they control, they destroy the mushrikin prisons in it, to prevent the enemy from using them in the event that the mujahidin are forced to withdraw from it, as they did in Mosul, Tadmur, and other prisons, and all praise is due to Allah.

Another means of releasing Muslims or relieving them is the Islamic State mujahidin killing and terrorizing the prison guards and investigators, to prevent them from contributing to the harsh rulings on Muslims, and to force them to help release them or relieve them in their prison. The prison guards of Muslims in Iraq, for example, were aware of the impact of the mujahidin strikes on the murtaddin from the way they treated them. With every assassination of an investigator or a jailer, the murtaddin were improving their treatment of prisoners more, and relieving them of the harm endured in prison, for fear that news of their aggression against Muslims would be leaked out of the prison and then, they become a target for the mujahidin. Moreover, some of them used to ask the prisoners to communicate to their families the nice way they used to treat them in order to convey this to the mujahidin so that they would not target them or their properties. May Allah kill them wherever they are found.

As for the ransom, it is one of the biggest ways implemented by the mujahidin of the Islamic State. They dedicate a big portion of the ghanimah or fai, granted to them by Allah, for the sake of releasing the prisoners. They pay it to get Muslims out of prisons, to reduce the years of imprisonment, to relieve their pain and change their places of detention to prisons that are less dangerous to their lives or less harmful to themselves, or to pay the jailers and prison staff to provide the various services that Muslims need.

Likewise, prisoner exchanges are exercised for the same reasons. The mujahidin have always rescued their captives, by exchanging them with kuffar prisoners. They prefer prisoner exchanges over paying ransoms. Rather, they make this a target for some raids, so they capture the kuffar in general and their officials in particular to exchange them for Muslim prisoners. Although, many of these operations are not announced, because the exchange negotiations are secret. The first goal is to achieve what is intended and not to brag and flaunt about it.

Outside prisons, the mujahidin are still taking care of the families of the prisoners as much as they can, according to what is available in their hands, or what security conditions and access and safe communication allow. And as long as this effort would not affect more important tasks, such as the continuity of jihad and the security of the mujahidin and equally, the prisoners' families.

Today, it is the duty of all Muslims to seek the release of female and male Muslims from the prisons of kuffar, and do everything possible to achieve this, in compliance with the commandment of the Prophet ﷺ who said: "Release the captives" (Narrated by Al-Bukhari).

They should realize that the release of prisoners is one of the greatest purposes of jihad, and one of the reasons for imposing it on every capable Muslim.

The Islamic State soldiers, in particular, should make this matter their permanent concern that they do not lose sight of, because their brothers in prisons hold hopes for them after Allah, and whoever fulfills the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs; and whoever removes the troubles of his brother, Allah will remove one of his troubles on the Day of Resurrection. And Allah will certainly aid those who aid his cause; for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might.